

**Virginia Department of Health  
Pandemic Influenza Monthly Activity Report  
October 1, 2007**

**WORLDWIDE UPDATE**

- The World Health Organization has increased the count of confirmed human cases of avian influenza A (H5N1) to 328, including 200 deaths (61%). In the past few weeks, additional cases have been reported from Vietnam (5 cases, 4 deaths) and Indonesia (1 case and 1 death). The newly reported cases from Vietnam were among people who were ill between May and July of 2007 and who met newly amended laboratory criteria for confirmation.

**VDH ACTIVITIES – Central Office**

- The Governor, his Cabinet and Agency Heads participated in a Pandemic Flu Tabletop Exercise (TTX) at the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC).
- Office of Attorney General (OAG) conducted a TTX addressing Legal Issues during a Pandemic.
- On October 9, VDH and CDC will co-host a Social Distancing Legal Consultation Meeting.
- On November 8-9, The National Governors' Association will conduct a Region III Pandemic Influenza TTX in the NCR.
- On October 2, Director Emergency Operations, Planning and Logistics will testify before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Preparing the National Capitol Region (NCR) for a Pandemic.
- Ukrop's Supermarkets will feature advice from VDH for how to stay healthy during flu season in their free consumer publication, "Back to Market." The article appears in the October issue and stresses the importance of flu shots, cough etiquette, hand washing and stresses the impact of flu on high risk populations.
- Central Region PIO assisted in developing a five-minute DVD based on Henrico County's Pandemic Flu Summit and features excerpts from each speaker's presentation, as well as video showing the break out sessions.
- In an effort to encourage low literacy and low English proficiency populations to take action against getting and spreading the flu, VDH developed a series of "talking posters" based on fables and folklore from a variety of cultural traditions represented across the state. The VDH Communications Team distributed sets of the six cross cultural seasonal and pandemic flu posters to the following groups:
  - Pandemic flu Advisory Committee
  - Over 37 state agencies, through DHRM
  - Head Start Directors statewide
  - Governor's Child Day Care Council
  - Virginia Association of Nonprofit Homes for the Aging
  - District PanFlu CoordinatorsThe sets included posters in English, low literacy English, Spanish, Russian, Farsi and Native American. These posters are also available on the VDH web site (<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/flu/Posters.htm>) so that they can be downloaded and reproduced cost-effectively.

- The VDH Communications Team is coordinating distribution of flu materials to hospitals, including those operated by the Veterans' Administration and the Department of Defense
- The minutes, agenda and presentations from the PanFlu Advisory Group's meeting on August 7 have now been posted to <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/PandemicFlu/AdvisoryCommittee.asp>.
- The Director, Division of Surveillance and Investigation attended a meeting with representatives from the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia at which PanFlu planning policies were discussed and a proposal drafted to present to college presidents.
- VDH's first agency wide flu outreach plan was disseminated to all districts and is attached to this month's report. The plan supports health districts and synergizes VDH flu messages and deliverables from units including chronic disease, licensure, early childhood health, minority health and public health policy to increase the delivery of targeted messages to nursing homes, elder care facilities, daycare workers and families with children and public health workers.
- *The Virginia Pilot's* 2007 coverage of seasonal and pandemic flu planning in VDH's Eastern Region took top honors in CDC's National Public Health Information Network awards program.
- VDH continues to respond to media inquiries regarding the status of ongoing flu planning.
- Health Districts and EP&R Regions continue community outreach and coordinated PanFlu planning (refer to attached VDH Pandemic Flu Activities Progress Report).

### **VDH ACTIVITIES – Regional Reports**

- **Eastern Region**
  - Surveillance Coordinator participated in the Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) Pandemic Planning Committee Meeting. Revisions to the PanFlu Continuity Plan are complete and will be added to the institution's Emergency Management Plan.
  - Epidemiologist, Surveillance Coordinator and PIO are preparing to facilitate groups at the Avian Flu Rapid Response Training in October.
  - PIO is working along with the Delmarva Task Force to develop and coordinate any response to avian influenza outbreaks in the poultry industry. Outbreaks of avian influenza have preceded the occurrence of H5N1 influenza in humans in many areas of the world.
- **Northern Region**
  - PIO was asked to assist DHHS and other federal agencies with pandemic messaging process for the "rebuilding and rebounding" after the first and second waves of illness have passed. This session will be held in Washington, DC, on Oct. 11-12 and will be led by Dr. Vincent Covello, Dr. Ann Norwood, and other pandemic risk communications experts.
  - The non-profit sector is often overlooked during key planning activities led by government and private sectors. The Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington is working to address this vital need. The roundtable group is leading a project to develop and test a regional Strategic Plan for Emergency Preparedness in the nonprofit sector. The PIO is coordinating this effort.
- **Northwest Region**
  - Multi-agency Avian Influenza Rapid Response Seminar was held at Blue Ridge Community College and included all partner agencies potentially involved in a

PanFlu response in the Region. Approximately 150 attended the seminar focused on identifying the potential for human health problems associated with cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry; minimizing the risk of spread of further human infection if human infection of the disease is identified; providing guidance to individuals who are involved in response activities to protect them against the risk of infection, and minimize the risk of viral re-assortment; and provide guidance to multi-disciplinary rapid response teams. Target audience included: Health care workers; infection control practitioners; laboratory personnel; epidemiologists; commercial poultry personnel; veterinarians; extension agents; emergency management personnel; environmental quality personnel; and game and wildlife personnel. The Trainer acted as meeting facilitator, and the Industrial Hygienist was a program speaker. Program was presented by VDH, VA Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the Division of Consolidated Labs, the VA Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

- Industrial Hygienist gave a presentation to the 2007 Annual Virginia Statewide Payroll Conference of the American Payroll Association (APA) on Public Protection in the Event of a Pandemic.
- **Southwest Region**
  - Planner made a presentation to the Virginia Health Care Association. More than 70 people attended this session.
  - Trainer coordinated and assisted several partner agencies in offering an emergency preparedness session at the SW VA Deaf Awareness Day in Norton. This event will prepare the deaf and hard-of-hearing community to prepare for emergencies including PanFlu.
  - PIO, Epidemiologist and Planner attended the Mountain Media Public Health Emergency Coordination Council meeting in Scott County. Several items were discussed, including PanFlu initiatives.
  - PIO provided PanFlu planning information to the Central Virginia Public Information Network in preparation for drills to be conducted on October 27 and November 15.
  - Epidemiologist reviewed vaccination coverage percentages for both VA and the US. This information will be helpful in the event that antivirals are made available for PanFlu treatment and/or prophylaxis.

### **VDH ACTIVITIES – Health District Reports**

- **Alexandria**
  - Completed first draft of proposal for enhancing plan for special needs populations during a pandemic.
  - Distributed over 250 Pandemic brochures at town fairs.
  - Trained additional 15 MRC members concerning pandemic.
  - Refined GIS model for identifying means of distributing medication or vaccine if available.
  - Continued planning for flu vaccination drill in November directed toward testing our ability to reach especially vulnerable people during a pandemic.
  - Completed training for PanFlu planning with 100% of city's school principals, nurses, transportation staff and food service leadership staff; all schools have the plan in place. Have had coordination meetings between school officials and District staff in each of past 12 months. Plans are in place to provide flu vaccinations to the school bus drivers; 87% of cafeteria workers now receive flu shots.

- **Arlington**

- Planner continues to work on a comprehensive review of the local public health response plans identifying gaps based on the VDH and HHS guidance for PanFlu and the Public Health Ready criteria. Focus is on developing and implementing documents that will enhance operability, such as workflow diagrams, standard operating procedures, templates and checklists.
- County continues to work on planning for the management of mass fatalities. Version 5 of the Mass Fatality plan is now available. This work is being done in partnership with law enforcement, EMS, Virginia Hospital Center and local funeral home directors.
- MRC Orientations for new MRC Volunteers are being conducted every two months. The MRC is actively involved in community events using the opportunities to recruit new members.
- Epidemiologist provided “Epi for Non-Epi” training to MRC volunteers that forms part of the lecture series that Arlington MRC is developing to help prepare volunteers for roles they may play in a pandemic response.
- Distribution of a brochure that focuses on personal preparedness and managing illness and serves as a companion piece to a brochure developed by the Arlington County Office of Emergency Management has begun. Copies continue to be available at numerous county and community locations, and 2,500 copies of the brochure were provided to Fort Myer for their on-base population and clinic clients. The brochure is available in English, Spanish, Arabic, Amharic, Chinese, Vietnamese and French.
- Health communication messages for PanFlu prevention were crafted for advertisements that will be placed in Arlington County metro rail stations and local movie theaters in November and December (see attachment). District worked with a communications company to create the advertisements, which include health messages of cover your cough/sneeze; wash your hands; stay home when ill; and, get a flu shot.
- District held a PanFlu Summit, which was open to county residents and televised on the local county cable channel. Panelists included representatives from Arlington Office of Emergency Management, the Virginia Hospital Center, Arlington Public Schools and the VA Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

- **Central Shenandoah**

- Planner has finished assisting the Rockbridge County PanFlu Committee with the development of a PanFlu brochure
- Planner gave Fall Drive-Thru Drill, PanFlu and PUSH MOU updates to the Rockbridge County LEPC, a district fire department and Southern Virginia University.
- Planner gave a presentation on individual and business disaster planning to the district’s day care providers.
- Planner attended the Criminal Justice System Area Focus Group meeting at Blue Ridge Community College and offered suggestions on PanFlu and Disaster Planning.
- Planner worked with James Madison University to provide disaster and PanFlu planning materials for the Cargil Companies Employee Health Fair.
- Director and Epidemiological Nurse attended the Rapid Response Training to Avian Flu workshop held at Blue Ridge Community College.

- **Central Virginia**

- Planner met with the jurisdictional Emergency Managers and Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) Contractor for final coordination for the October

- PanFlu Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) regional exercise.
- Planner is working with a major local financial institution to develop and implement a training event for their employees addressing preparedness for a pandemic.
  - Epidemiologist worked with the district hospitals to obtain a comprehensive list of contact information for associated physicians, which will be used in the event of a PanFlu outbreak for information dissemination.
  - Epidemiologist contacted and proposed the establishment of a state-wide PanFlu best-practices and resource-sharing website, to be located within the VDH intranet site.
  - Epidemiologist obtained 1,000 brochures for physicians, which include testing and reporting guidelines for novel influenza strains and appropriate communication mechanisms to be utilized in response to an influenza pandemic.
  - **Chesapeake**
    - Planner chaired quarterly city-wide PanFlu Task Force meeting. Key issues addressed pertained to departmental COOP planning, community awareness and outreach, Chesapeake MRC's PanFlu activities and leveraging PanFlu preparedness with seasonal influenza initiatives.
    - Partnered with City Emergency Management and Chesapeake MRC staffing a table at Health Fair Day, hosted by Horizon to Healing Society and the Indian River Community Center. PanFlu program members distributed informational brochures, promotional items and interact with attendees.
    - A memo from the City Manager and co-authored by the Health Director and Fire Chief was released urging City agencies/departments to write and finalize their PanFlu continuity of operations plans.
    - Surveyed maintenance and usage of hygiene stations that were distributed to agencies and facilities City-wide. Most stations were well maintained; however, the policy for the replenishment of supplies is under review.
  - **Chesterfield**
    - Planner participated in a health and safety fair at a local elementary school, where PanFlu materials were provided to parents and students as well as engaging them in a game to enhance their knowledge of PanFlu.
    - Planner provided a presentation on PanFlu and personal/family preparedness to personnel at a Wal-Mart.
  - **Chickahominy**
    - PanFlu Coordinator met with Learning Consultant at Owens & Minor to discuss PanFlu education for their customers.
    - PanFlu Coordinator met several times with Hanover Schools' Health Services Coordinator to develop Hand Washing Campaign as part of the school's PanFlu plan. District's pandemic planning three messages, "Stay Home When You Are Sick, Cover Your Cough, Wash Your Hands," will be incorporated into a skit and broadcast on local Channel 99. Students who are enrolled in Media Internship class will develop this skit, which will include seasonal flu vaccine message to be aired on TV.
    - Charles City School staff wore T-shirts with PanFlu three messages on opening day of school.
    - PanFlu Coordinator met with Memorial Regional Medical Center's Infection Control nurse to review and discuss PanFlu Plan for hospital. PanFlu Planning from OSHA provided to Infection Control Nurse.

- PanFlu Coordinator gave Hand Washing lecture and showed Hand Washing DVD and Cough Into Your Sleeve DVD to clients at Hanover Adult Center.
- PanFlu Coordinator and Planner, along with Goochland Health Department RN, attended Health Fair at Memorial Regional Medical Center. PanFlu Coordinator distributed literature and items including T-shirts and magnets with PanFlu three messages to attendees.
- PanFlu Coordinator gave presentation on PPE as it relates to PanFlu to Henrico MRC members and will give PanFlu Presentation to them in November.
- T-shirts with PanFlu planning three messages distributed to Goochland County and Charles City County's Health Departments Charles City County Health Department employees. T-shirts and magnets with the three messages, as well as PanFlu literature, were given to the two health departments for distribution to their clients.
- PanFlu Coordinator consulted with Bon Secours Home Care Quality Assurance Coordinator to plan presentation to nurses on PanFlu and PPE.
- Plastic bags with three messages District logo distributed to District's WIC Program clients.
- PanFlu Coordinator gave Hand Washing, Seasonal Flu, PanFlu and Infection Control presentation to Logothis (Goodwill) employees, program participants and Community Service Board's clients and employees, and Charles City's Regional Health Services' Mom's Health Promoter Group.
- **Crater**
  - District is planning a PanFlu mass dispensing exercise for November 1. It will be held at the Petersburg Train Station where 600 doses of vaccine are expected to be distributed. Confirmed the participation of the Red Cross. They will respond to the site and provide support with food, drinks and information.
  - Planner met with the Petersburg Adult Service Program Supervisor (DSS) to discuss transporting and vaccinating the population housed in various low-income adult homes within the City of Petersburg. This will allow for testing of off-site triage and transportation of clients to the clinic. The Supervisor is working to determine the number of clients willing to participate during the PanFlu exercise.
  - Planner met with various agencies to enlist their participation in the upcoming Crater PanFlu exercise during the Petersburg PanFlu Advisory Committee meeting. Agencies that have confirmed participation include:
    - ❖ Department of Social Services – in support of any clients that may present who are underage or without adult supervision.
    - ❖ District 19 – Mental health services of clients and staff.
    - ❖ Petersburg EMS – medical assistance.
    - ❖ Petersburg Law Enforcement – Crowd and traffic control.
    - ❖ Petersburg Transportation/Utility Department – Transportation of off site triage to clinic. This function may be accomplished through the use of school buses.
  - A meeting is scheduled for October 4 with the Petersburg PanFlu Advisory Committee to continue discussion of planning issues.
- **Cumberland Plateau**
  - PanFlu Coordinator wrote an article, published in several District newspapers, to help promote September as Emergency Preparedness Month.
  - PanFlu Coordinator presented a PanFlu preparedness program to Lion's Clubs of Haysi, Lebanon and North Tazewell.
  - Planner and PanFlu Coordinator presented a PanFlu planning program to the emergency planning committee at New Peoples Bank.

- Planner participated in the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council meeting where the Lenowisco Health District presented a program on PanFlu planning.
- Planner and PanFlu Coordinator presented a program on PanFlu planning to the members of Buchanan County Schools Safety Committee.
- PanFlu Coordinator presented a PanFlu preparedness program to the Welcome Wagon Committee of Dickenson County.
- Director, Epidemiologist and Administrative Supervisor attended planning meetings for the school-based influenza vaccination program for all Wise County students and Tazewell County's elementary school students. This activity and the relationships built during this program will enhance vaccination efforts in a pandemic flu event.
- Director chaired and Epidemiologist, and Planner participated in the Mountain Empire Public Health Emergency Coordination Council and Media Public Safety Council meetings discussing PanFlu preparedness.
- Director, Epidemiologist, Planner, PanFlu Coordinator and counterparts from Lenowisco Health District held a meeting to jointly plan the PanFlu POD exercise scheduled for November 12.
- PanFlu Coordinator completed the Countermeasure Response Administration Web-training hosted by VDH's Division of Immunization.
- **Eastern Shore**
  - Educator and Planner facilitated a CERT course that included information on PanFlu.
  - Planner provided PanFlu information packets to United Methodist Church Disaster Response Teams of healthcare providers meeting in the Eastern region.
  - Planner met with Northampton County Public School administrators to discuss school preparations and planning for PanFlu.
  - Planner attended the Accomack County School Health Advisory Board meeting to discuss school surveillance and protective actions recommended for flu season.
  - Planner attended Eastern Shore Disaster Preparedness Coalition meeting and discussed the status of district PanFlu planning and recent presentations and events.
  - MRC Training CDs were developed and mailed to volunteers. The CDs contain all the courses listed in the MRC Training Matrix of Competencies. It contains video footage and information directing users how to take the tests for IS 22, IS 100 and IS 700. It also contains a training manual for volunteers to follow. The formal training calendar will be implemented starting in October.
  - Educator successfully coordinated ICS training for all MRC and CERT volunteers. The training covered MRC Orientation, IS 22, IS 700, IS 100, and IS 800.
  - Educator participated in a health fair at a local migrant labor camp. Information regarding PanFlu, hand washing techniques and seasonal influenza were distributed in Spanish. The Disaster Preparedness for Children coloring book was also distributed.
  - Educator attended a coalition meeting of the Region III MRC units in which best practices were shared among groups.
  - Educator establishing volunteer training folders containing demographic and licensing information for each volunteer. The folder will list all the exercises, trainings, conferences, deployments, and webinars the volunteers have participated in, with corresponding certificates
  - Educator published three articles, which were viewed by over 20,000 readers, in the local newspapers for National Preparedness Month and Hand Washing Awareness Week.

- Educator, utilizing resources from the Red Cross and FEMA, restocked the PanFlu Education library with over 20,000 brochures, pamphlets, and posters on emergency preparedness, disaster relief, working with special needs populations, and developing disaster supply kits.
- Educator established a Speakers' Bureau for MRC and CERT volunteers, which will consist of MRC and CERT volunteers who will be responsible for presenting information to prospective groups and organizations.
- **Fairfax**
  - Director and PanFlu Physician Consultant provided PanFlu and COOP presentations to dentists at the Northern Virginia Dental Society Conference and Virginia Dental Society Annual Meeting.
  - Director provided PanFlu education to an audience of human services professionals.
  - PanFlu Physician and Program Manager provided PanFlu education to Senior groups at Groveton, Gum Springs, Hollin Hills, Little River Glen, James Lee Center, a Baptist church, the staff of the senior centers of the Fairfax County Department of Recreation and Community Services and Lewinsville Center.
  - Director and PanFlu Physician spoke to pediatricians at Pediatric Grand Rounds at Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children.
  - Program Manager and PanFlu Physician made several contacts with ethnic organizations to solicit membership for a soon-to-be-launched Multicultural Advisory Committee for the agency to accomplish ethnic outreach.
  - The Influenza Guide, mailed in July 2007 to all residences in the district, was translated and printed in Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese (Mandarin), Farsi, Arabic, and Urdu.
  - The PanFlu Physician addressed the Early Intervention staff of the Community Services regarding PanFlu.
  - Distributed Korean translation of the Influenza Guide, in partnership with Korean Community Services of Greater Washington, at a cultural fair.
- **Henrico**
  - Epidemiologist sent weekly avian influenza updates via email to community partners.
  - Planner and Director continued to work with county officials and an architectural firm on the plans for a county contingency quarantine facility.
  - District sent monthly Public Health Bytes newsletter (which includes a Pandemic/Avian Flu update) to local healthcare facilities and providers, schools, first responders, county officials and other interested parties.
  - Pandemic Flu/MRC Coordinator and Planner met with the American Red Cross to discuss partnerships and training opportunities.
- **Lenowisco**
  - Epidemiologist, Planner and PanFlu Coordinator met with Wise County school nurses, Big Stone Gap District of the United Methodist Church, the Southwest Virginia EMS Council and provided presentations on PanFlu.
  - Epidemiologist and PanFlu Coordinator participated in several planning meetings for the Wise County Schools' low-cost, in-school flu vaccination pilot project and prepared survey letter, consent forms and informational material to support the project.
  - Educator distributed PanFlu brochures to Crane's Nest Bible Church, Heritage Hall Nursing Home staff, Wise Primary School staff, Wise and Dickenson County Girl Scouts and the Director of Student Services at Mountain Empire Community College (where 100 PanFlu mini-posters also were distributed). Educator also distributed



- VDH “Respiratory Etiquette for Healthcare Facilities” posters to three Wise County hospitals and a nursing home.
- Director, Planner, and Epidemiologist attended the Mountain Media-Public Safety Council and Public Health Emergency Coordination Council where PanFlu planning was discussed.
  - **Lord Fairfax**
    - Planner served as a facilitator for the Governor’s Cabinet PanFlu Tabletop Exercise at the Virginia Emergency Operations Center.
    - Planner met with Warren County officials to plan for their PanFlu Tabletop Exercise.
    - Planner provided a PanFlu update to the Northern Shenandoah Valley Emergency Management Team.
    - Epidemiologist completed acquisition of additional PPE purchased with Phase II PanFlu funding.
    - Director presented material at the Rapid Response To Avian Influenza training in Weyers Cave.
  - **Loudoun**
    - Met with representatives of the Disabilities/Special Needs Partnership (DSNP) and Advisory Board members of the newly formed Loudoun ENDependence Center (LEND) to initiate discussion on meeting special needs and PanFlu response.
    - Continued communication with the Loudoun Disability Services Board (DSB) and ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia (ECNV) regarding a potential forum on PanFlu led by the disability community, for people with disabilities in Loudoun County, and in coordination with District staff.
    - Gave a PanFlu presentation for a Dulles Area Association of Realtors Safety Day event in Dulles.
    - Scheduled PanFlu training for a class of advanced nursing students taking an emergency/disaster management course at Shenandoah University’s Leesburg campus on November 19.
    - Scheduled a joint PanFlu and MRC display table for the lobby of the Loudoun County Government Center for National Customer Service Week (Oct 1-5).
    - Met with the Rappahannock-Rapidan and Lord Fairfax Health Districts’ PanFlu Educators to exchange ideas and experiences and coordinate PanFlu presentations on or near the Loudoun borders with those districts.
    - Scheduled a PanFlu and MRC display table for the AOL Headquarters’ 2-day health fair on October 24 and 25.
    - Provided a PanFlu presentation for the bishop and elders of the Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church in Purcellville.
    - Participated in a day-long tabletop exercise focused on PanFlu emergency planning and preparedness for National Capital Region special needs persons and organizations in Washington, DC.
    - Scheduled a PanFlu presentation for the Purcellville Rotary Club for October 25.
    - Provided a PanFlu presentation to the Dulles Area Association of Realtors.
    - Provided several District-developed PanFlu educational material templates to the Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District Educator.
    - Developed and printed PanFlu education bookmarks that are being reproduced and distributed to county libraries, government office buildings and businesses.
    - Created seasonal influenza preparedness message to be included in the next human resources flyer distributed to all Loudoun County employees in October.

- Worked with representative of Verizon human resources department to schedule PanFlu presentations for management and employees.
- Loudoun MRC group to incorporate PanFlu into their training agenda.
- Provided a PanFlu briefing to a Senior Center.
- Set up a seasonal and PanFlu storyboard display in the government center lobby for National Customer Service Week.
- Completed the first edition of the “Loudoun Epi Bulletin,” featuring influenza, to be distributed to all Loudoun medical providers.
- **Mount Rogers**
  - SWVA Medical Reserve Corp Coordinator provided PanFlu information during “Empowerment”, a day long church outreach festival at Mt. Zion Church in Marion.
  - SWVA Medical Reserve Corp Coordinator provided PanFlu information during Medical Reserve Corp Orientation with the Health Sciences Class at Wythe County Technical and Career Center.
- **New River**
  - Epidemiologist and Planner met with Radford Army Ammunition Plant (RAAP) Director of Security, Plant Physician, and Fire Chief to discuss PanFlu and all-hazards preparedness planning and management of outbreaks. RAAP officials will schedule a follow-up meeting when the Commander and the Director of Safety are present. PanFlu educational materials were made available as the facility develops plans and begins informing employees.
  - Director, Infection Control Nurse, Epidemiologist and Planner continue taking every opportunity to communicate PanFlu preparedness to public agencies, private business, civic groups, and faith organizations.
  - Planner continues to coordinate meetings with long term care facilities and their respective emergency management coordinator/fire chief as a follow up with the nursing home survey tool and using the opportunity to discuss PanFlu preparedness.
  - Planner will be representing NRHD at Church of Latter Day Saints 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “Be Prepared, Be Informed” Information Fair in Pembroke. VDH will be joining Dept. of Agriculture, American Red Cross, local banking/financial business, funeral establishments, mental health and others to promote pandemic awareness and preparedness and family preparedness for disasters.
  - Director and Planner met with City of Radford and Radford University officials to discuss goals/objectives and logistics for the October 19 drive-thru dispensing of flu vaccine.
- **Norfolk**
  - Epidemiologist gave a presentation to high school students on current outbreak investigation practices, disease threats and public health preparations for future avian flu and PanFlu outbreaks.
- **Peninsula**
  - Planner continues to provide daily PanFlu updates key players at each acute care facility, the military clinics and the emergency managers.
  - Briefing on PanFlu and planning efforts was provided to MRC members.
  - Planner provided 600 copies of the pandemic preparedness brochure to the Newport News Weed & Seed program for distribution.
- **Piedmont**
  - Educator and Public Health Nurse attended two community health fairs and distributed general preparedness and influenza preparedness materials.

- Public Health Nurses distributed preparedness information at local electric cooperative health fair.
- Epidemiologist has delivered preparedness information to all physicians in three counties.
- Planner attended Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting to discuss public health matters, including CRI and pandemic preparedness.
- Planner partnered with local Extension Service to deliver preparedness, including PanFlu, information to local business association.
- Planner and Educator will be conducting MRC orientation sessions with all seven counties of the District within the next two months with the goal of expanding membership to help for potential medical surge that may be associated with PanFlu.
- Educator delivered hand washing and cough and sneeze etiquette presentation to >400 K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade children; distributed hand washing and cough and sneeze etiquette posters to one local school; and set up preparedness booths, which were staffed by District personnel at two local county fairs.
- Educator delivered presentation to local faith-based conference representing over 20 local churches.
- **Pittsylvania Danville**
  - PanFlu Educator presented PanFlu education/information programs to management staffs at Telvista Communications Plant and Techma Plant, as well as staff of the Green Rock Correctional Center. Additional programs are scheduled at Green Rock.
  - Educator attended Countermeasure Response Administration training to enter District PanFlu information into the CDC database.
  - Planner and Educator are planning District PanFlu POD exercise for early November.
- **Portsmouth**
  - Portsmouth Public Schools PanFlu Plan has been submitted for review by the health department.
  - Epidemiologist, Planner and Health Educator held a monthly meeting to discuss and plan educational outreach methods for the adult population. Planning continues to develop an interactive display for adults that will present flu facts and prevention.
  - Health Educator participated in the City-Wide Health Fair at a High School. A display, information and discussion on Pandemic Influenza were made available to approximately 200 residents.
  - Education Dept. provided a display, discussion and materials to 500 city employees during the annual City Employee Health Fair.
  - Contact has been initiated with all the daycare providers in the city to offer an interactive hand washing “class” to all preschoolers.
  - Health Educator designed and exhibited a PanFlu bulletin board for health department and social services employees. Hand washing signage has also been placed in all restrooms within the health department and social services building.
- **Prince William**
  - Planner currently coordinating the District PPE DVD, the mask fit testing machine and the Respiratory Plan to provide all District staff with proper PPE training annually.
  - Planner presented at the county Emergency Management Meeting on Preparedness activities, including PanFlu preparedness.
  - Planner attended a Faith Community Planning Meeting.
  - Epidemiologist, Director and Planner attended county PanFlu Task Force meeting.
- **Rappahannock**

- Planner, Epidemiologist and Educator attended the Caroline County School Health Advisory Board meeting for further discussion on pandemic preparedness.
- Planner contacted local jurisdictions for drive-thru flu clinic being held in October.
- Planner, Epidemiologist and Educator mailed PanFlu community assessments.
- Planner, Epidemiologist and Educator attended the Coalition on Emergency Preparedness for Vulnerable Populations meeting. PanFlu planning for local facilities discussed.
- Planner attended REMS disaster committee meeting and gave update on PanFlu preparedness.
- Planner met with local chapter of American Red Cross to discuss District's assistance with ARC PanFlu courses.
- Planner met with Pamunkey Regional Jail medical staff about area-wide PanFlu tabletop exercise that Rappahannock, Chickahominy, Three Rivers and Richmond HDs will offer in their respective jurisdictions.
- Planner met with Germanna Community College Safety and Health Committee to discuss that institution's preparedness plans. The college is working on a PanFlu plan with input from Rappahannock and Rappahannock-Rapidan HDs.
- **Rappahannock-Rapidan**
  - Educator provided PanFlu educational materials at two county Senior Centers.
  - MRC Coordinator gave presentations on PanFlu and preparedness and provided educational materials to Culpeper Volunteers in Police Service Alumni, Culpeper Boys and Girls Club and Orange County Chamber of Commerce.
  - District sent representatives with PanFlu and Preparedness materials to community health fairs in Fauquier and Culpeper Counties.
  - Immunizations Coordinator provided PanFlu brochures and emergency preparedness materials to the Mayor of Gordonsville.
  - MRC Coordinator delivered PanFlu materials to several businesses in the district for distribution to the public.
  - Planner participated in the Cabinet-level PanFlu tabletop exercise at the Virginia Emergency Operations Center.
  - Planner participated in PanFlu planning with the Germanna Community College Safety Committee.
- **Roanoke/Alleghany County**
  - Planner distributed PanFlu information in Craig County via the health department.
  - Educator scheduled a presentation to the local MRC in October.
  - Educator reviewed the draft PanFlu plan from Roanoke City School System.
  - Educator provided PanFlu education for the staff at Eastwood Assisted Living in Roanoke, along with a separate presentation to residents.
  - Educator participated in an Emergency Fair at HCA Lewis Gale Hospital in Salem.
  - Educator participated in a PanFlu drill with a local bank; drill is ongoing into October and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association.
- **Southside**
  - Conducted PanFlu and infection control presentations for Brunswick County DSS child care providers, Penour RZUA church fellowship day in South Hill, the staff of the Open Door Mission.
  - Developing PanFlu pamphlet or distribution during Skipwith Day Celebration.
  - Working with Halifax County Public Schools to conduct a Mass Vaccination Clinic.

- Working with director of Southside CSB on providing Behavioral Health coverage in Mass Vaccination Clinics and for informational brochure.
- Prepared an Avian Flu update article for the MRC newsletter.
- **Thomas Jefferson**
  - Completed mailing of 2,500 information packets to local physicians, community organizations, businesses and stakeholders.
  - Facilitated meeting of PanFlu public education workgroup and developed plan for outreach into Hispanic community.
  - Distributed Spanish PanFlu brochures to adult ESL programs in Albemarle County and the City of Charlottesville and at Nelson County Hispanic Community Day.
  - Began re-distribution of television and radio public service announcements.
  - Educator and Epidemiologist provided presentation to staff of Jefferson Area Board for Aging providing information on avian influenza, the potential for a pandemic and an update on current community collaboration efforts.
  - Planner presented overview of new and continuing PanFlu initiatives to members of Nelson County Interagency Council and distributed district PanFlu materials.
  - Director taped a Safety Minute for local TV Channel 19.
  - Director provided a PanFlu talk to JAUNT employees.
- **Three Rivers**
  - Planner conducted Introduction to PanFlu training session to MRC volunteers.
  - Public Health Nurse distributed PanFlu literature and posters to Middlesex County Schools.
  - Director presented West Point Public Schools' PanFlu Preparedness Plan to the State Health Workforce Advisory Committee as an example of a success story while speaking of the challenges in preparing for emergencies in an area with a health care staff shortage.
  - Director presented PanFlu update to District staff during employee appreciation day.
  - Public Health Nurse distributed PanFlu literature to Richmond County Schools.
  - Planner, Public Health Nurse and other managers continued planning for upcoming drive-thru vaccination clinics.
  - Planner met with Rappahannock General Hospital Infection Control Coordinator to review hospital's PanFlu plan.
- **Virginia Beach**
  - Planner met with the Virginia Beach Fire to work on their internal PanFlu Plan.
  - Planner attended meeting with Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital to begin discussions of PanFlu Planning and took part in their Emergency Preparedness Expo, providing PanFlu preparedness information out to staff.
  - Planner met with Emergency Management and District response team to set exercise dates for PanFlu tabletop exercise, which is scheduled in the District in December and citywide in January.
- **West Piedmont**
  - Planner and Epidemiologist attended the Franklin County PanFlu Planning Group meeting.
  - Planner has started distributing plush animals to the EMS services in Franklin, Martinsville and Henry Counties. These plush animals have the VDH logo printed on it with the phrase "I am PanFlu Prepared," and are wearing surgical masks. EMS will use these toys with small children during emergency calls. The idea is that most parents will inspect the toy, thus planting the Pan Flu preparedness idea.

- Planner and the Epidemiologist toured the Ferrum College Fitness Center for use during a POD exercise in November during which influenza vaccine will be dispensed. The hope is that the usage of the college campus during the drill will help create the availability of the campus for a POD site during a real pandemic.
- Planner delivered PanFlu literature to the Mt. Olivet Elementary School nurse for use during an update on PanFlu by the nurse at an in-house training class for school staff.
- Planner and Epidemiologist attended the Henry County PanFlu Planning Group meeting. New PanFlu literature was made available to participants to pass out at the places of business. Epidemiologist made a presentation on disease surveillance and how surveillance might change during an event as large as a pandemic.
- Planner made a PanFlu presentation at the Martinsville-Henry County Rescue Squad Association meeting. Representatives from all six squads received PanFlu literature to help their departments and members to better prepare themselves for a pandemic. Squad representatives received the VDH "I am PanFlu Prepared" plush wolves to put on their units for children.
- **Western Tidewater**
  - Planner and Epidemiologist attended the Franklin/Southampton PanFlu committee meeting. The committee has received funds for starting an advertising campaign for Pan/Avian Flu awareness from Southampton Hospital and the local Rotary Club. The PanFlu brochure is being printed. The committee realized a need to reach out to home-schooled and private schools and has begun this process. Emergency Manager for the City of Franklin reported that the PanFlu plan has been incorporated in both the City of Franklin's and Southampton County's EOPs. The City manager has established a list of sites for temporary morgues and will commence creating MOUs.
  - The Franklin/Southampton PanFlu sub-committee met. The VDH PanFlu DVD was selected as one of the methods to reach out to the community and will be played on the community channel. A District PanFlu presentation will be used at all community forums and speaking engagements in the next few months. Radio PSAs regarding avian flu that obtained from the USDA website were reviewed and will be presented to the local radio stations for broadcast. The committee continues to look for more PSAs with the regional VDH PIO and from the CDC website.
  - The Suffolk bioterrorism advisory committee met and continued efforts on hazard planning including PanFlu preparedness for city agencies.
  - Franklin School District has approached W. Tidewater for help with its PanFlu plan.
  - The Isle of Wight PanFlu continues work on a PanFlu plan.
  - Distribution of hand sanitizing stations has begun for every school in the District.